

Frequently Asked Questions About the Virginia IT Infrastructure Partnership

What is the Virginia IT Infrastructure Partnership?

The Commonwealth of Virginia and Northrop Grumman formed a partnership in November 2005 to modernize the state's information technology infrastructure. This groundbreaking public-private partnership is a 10-year, \$2 billion contract that will bring 433 new high-tech jobs to Southwest Virginia and 631 jobs to Chesterfield County. Overall, it will result in a \$270 million capital investment in the Commonwealth by Northrop Grumman.

The IT Infrastructure Partnership is believed to be the first and the largest of its kind in the nation. It will deliver state-of-the-art capabilities and technologies, providing significant resources for the benefit of citizens and consumers and delivering the expertise and knowledge to complete major infrastructure projects successfully.

Why was the partnership formed?

The partnership was created to foster creative approaches, enable innovative funding models, and share the risks and rewards of transformation projects. Northrop Grumman submitted a proposal in 2004 that was accepted by the state in November 2005 after extensive review by multiple stakeholders to ensure it met all criteria for technical components, opportunities for state IT employees, economic development and financial commitment.

The IT Infrastructure Partnership will bring innovative ideas to meeting the needs of the Commonwealth. Customer agencies, regardless of size and budget, will see expanded offerings and reliable services at predictable prices as a result of the partnership's enterprise and integrated approach to IT service delivery. This will be accomplished without additional cost to taxpayers.

On July 1, Northrop Grumman assumed responsibility for the IT infrastructure and services, with oversight from the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and the Investment Technology Investment Board (ITIB).

What changes in IT infrastructure will the partnership bring to the Commonwealth?

Over the next three years, the Commonwealth's infrastructure will be transformed into a cohesive, efficient, up-to-date platform that will better meet needs of state government, making it possible for agencies to enhance their services to citizens of the Commonwealth. Specific changes will be made to mainframes, servers, desktop and laptop computers, voice and data networks, operating systems, e-mail, security, help desk services, and data center facilities. New facilities will be built in Chesterfield and Russell counties.

How will Virginians benefit from the partnership?

Citizens, taxpayers, businesses, Commonwealth agencies and local governments all will benefit from the partnership.

State Agencies

- Improved 21st century technology services at today's cost
- Improved security of Commonwealth assets
- Consistent technology innovation
- Improved disaster recovery
- Lower reoccurring costs at the end of the project

Local Governments

- Leveraged state services at lower costs
- Backup and security services that previously were unaffordable
- Expanded broadband access
- Enhanced emergency communications

Taxpayers

- Improved security of information
- Expanded, improved and simpler services
- No additional taxpayer dollars
- Economic development and new jobs

Businesses

- Continued opportunity to compete for Commonwealth business
- Strong focus on small, woman- and minority-owned (SWAM) business opportunities
- Collaborative projects and services

What are the new facilities, and where will they be located?

A new, \$40 million, custom-built 192,000-square-foot operations center in Meadowville Technology Park in Chesterfield County will house more than 600 VITA and Northrop Grumman employees. The building will include the latest physical security features and a customized office complex. The site will become VITA's headquarters and a Northrop Grumman support center when it is completed in summer 2007.

A new, \$23 million, custom-built 101,000-square-foot help desk and backup data center facility in the Russell Regional Business Technology Park at Lebanon in Russell County will create more than 400 new jobs. An estimated 90 percent of this labor pool will be drawn from local counties and towns. This center, opening in late fall 2007, will become Northrop Grumman's East Coast Service Delivery Hub.

Who can use the new facilities?

The facilities are shared facilities, serving VITA and executive branch agencies, local governments, education, and other governmental entities. As shared facilities, these locations will also support Northrop Grumman internal operations and their external customers. Use of the facilities is available through Northrop Grumman and VITA.



What other investments is the partnership making?

Supporting higher education is a key part of the partnership. In addition to expanding its relationship with the state's community college system, Northrop Grumman will support technology education at the University of Virginia's College at Wise, including internships, student recruitment efforts and a satellite office for the Lebanon facility.

A project support center in Dinwiddie County housing 34 employees will also be created as part of this project.

Who are the partners?

The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) is the Commonwealth's consolidated, centralized information technology organization. Established by the 2003 General Assembly, VITA's responsibilities fall into three primary categories:

- *Operation of the IT infrastructure* for 85 executive branch agencies
- *Governance of IT investments*, in support of the duties and responsibilities of the Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) and the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth;
- *Procurement of technology* for VITA and on behalf of other state agencies and institutions of higher education.

VITA is a unique organization, pioneering a 21st century model for information technology governance and operational excellence. The creation of VITA firmly establishes Virginia as a leader in the use of technology in government.

Northrop Grumman is a global defense and information technology company that provides a broad array of technologically advanced innovative products, services and solutions in systems integration, defense electronics, information technology, advanced aircraft, shipbuilding, and space technology.

Northrop Grumman employs nearly 32,000 people in Virginia at its 14 primary locations. Northrop Grumman is the largest technology/manufacturing private employer in the Commonwealth and has a \$10.8 billion economic impact on the Virginian economy. Headquartered in Los Angeles, four of Northrop Grumman's eight sectors are headquartered in Virginia: Information Technology (McLean), Mission Systems (Reston), Newport News (Newport News) and Technical Services (Herndon). The company's Sperry Marine business is headquartered in Charlottesville.

Who oversees the partnership?

The partnership is governed by VITA and the ITIB. The partnership is managed jointly by CIO of the Commonwealth Lem Stewart and Northrop Grumman Commercial, State and Local Group President Hugh Taylor, with day-to-day management by Program Directors Fred Duball of VITA and Joe Fay of Northrop Grumman, to ensure its success.

Where can I find additional information about the partnership?

Additional information is available online at www.vita.virginia.gov/itpartnership.

